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REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION
AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES ON ITS FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION

Cuba, Netherlands: draft resolution

1997/... Contemporary forms of slavery

The Commission on Human Rights,

Gravely concerned at modern manifestations of slavery, the slave trade and slavery-like practices,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the subject, especially resolution 1996/61 of 23 April 1996, and taking note of the resolutions of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on the subject, including resolutions 1996/12 of 23 August 1996 and 1996/18 of 29 August 1996,

Bearing in mind that the Slavery Convention of 1926, the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery of 1956, and the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others 1949, as well as article 4 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and article 8 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights provide, inter alia, that no one shall be held in slavery or servitude,

1. Welcomes the work of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery and takes note of its recommendations;

2. Expresses its grave concern at manifestations of contemporary forms of slavery, inter alia those reported to the Working Group;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to invite those eligible States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the conventions on slavery to consider doing so as soon as possible;

4. Calls upon States:

(a) To consider taking appropriate action for the protection of groups of persons particularly vulnerable to slavery and slavery-like practices, such as children and women, including migrant women;

(b) To consider adopting legal and administrative measures for the protection, rehabilitation and reintegration of victims of contemporary forms of slavery;

(c) That have not yet done so to consider ratifying the pertinent international instruments, including the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) and the Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138) of the International Labour Organization;

5. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue the examination of the reliability of allegations regarding the removal of organs and tissues of children and adults for commercial purposes and to include, in an updated report, an analysis of this question, to be submitted to the Commission at its fifty-fifth session in order to enable the Commission to decide whether continued attention to this question is required;

(b) To transmit to Governments an appeal for contributions to the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;

(c) To designate the Office of the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights as the focal point for the coordination of activities in the United Nations system for the suppression of contemporary forms of slavery;

5. Decides to resume consideration of this question at its fifty-fifth session.
